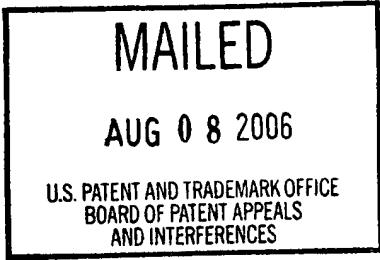


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Application No. 09/890,139

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on August 3, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

Appellants filed an Appeal Brief on March 28, 2006. The brief is defective for the following reason:

The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any by reference characters, and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or ads described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(v)).

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The “SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER” on page 2 of appellants’ brief does not map the independent claim to the specification, as required by 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1) (v).

A substitute brief that is in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37(c) (1)(v) is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to hold the Appeal Brief filed March 28, 2006, defective and notification to appellants to file a substitute Appeal Brief correcting the deficiency noted above and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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